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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Scott Casello, River Falls, Wisconsin, DOB: 7/23/59, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 18 months in prison for counterfeiting United States currency.

The charges against Casello stemmed from evidence seized during a search of his residence in March 2004 in Menomonie, Wisconsin, in which police recovered counterfeit United States currency and evidence that Casello had used his home computer and printer to manufacture the fake currency. Judge Shabaz stated that incarceration was appropriate for Casello in light of his past criminal history.

The charges against Casello were the result of an investigation conducted by the Menomonie Police Department and the Dunn County Sheriff's Department.

Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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